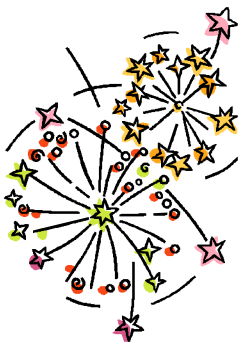


News *from the* City of Gardner

A newsletter published for the residents of the City of Gardner
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July — August 2007

4th of July Fun in Gardner



The 4th of July is a great time for adults and children in Gardner. The American Legion and VFW hosts a professional display at the High School on July 4th at dusk or approximately 9:30 p.m. This year the Sesquicentennial Committee (see pg. 4) will join the festivities with a 4th of July tailgate at the High School from 6 to 8 p.m.

Please be aware that **fireworks are not allowed** to be discharged within the City limits of Gardner, except for those authorized through permit from Public Safety. The Public Safety Department responds to many complaints each year regarding unsafe and illegal discharge of fireworks. There are fines and court appearances that are associated with the illegal discharge of fireworks. Help keep your neighborhood safe and children out of harms way by enjoying only the fireworks display at the High School.



2008 Budget Underway

The City of Gardner has begun work on the 2008 budget. The City Council will review and discuss the budget during July and August special budget work sessions, which are open to the public. In addition, a public hearing on the budget will be held on August 6th, which is time specifically set aside for residents to make comments on the 2008 budget. The City Council gives final approval of the budget on August 20th.

City Joins Performance Consortium

The City has joined the Center for Performance Management, which is part of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). ICMA helps local governments use performance data for establishing goals and outcomes in budget decisions, for setting targets of performance, for comparing to and learning from other jurisdictions, and for communicating service and financial improvements to citizens. Recently ICMA established a Kansas City Metro Performance Measurement Consortium, which consists of Gardner, Gladstone, Grain Valley, Harrisonville, Mission, Olathe, Overland Park, Peculiar, Pleasant Hill, Raymore, Raytown, Riverside and Shawnee. In Spring 2008, the City will report its first set of data to ICMA.

KC Logistics Hub Update



The City of Gardner continues to work with state and local officials on the KC Logistics Hub project, formerly the BNSF Intermodal Project. City staff is currently working on water and wastewater studies with engineering consultants,

which will determine the types of infrastructure necessary to service the area south of 56 Hwy and west of Gardner's current city boundaries.

In addition to the utility studies, work has begun on providing cost estimates on the necessary roadway infrastructure for the project. This is being completed by an independent consulting firm as requested by the City Council. This information will be used by the City's financial advisor to prepare a report that will discuss the financial pros and cons of the project. This information will be presented to the City Council in late July. The goal is for the City Council to have the necessary information to

consider an annexation request by the Allen Group, the KC Logistics Hub developer later this fall.

In the meantime, City, County, and State staff are working closely with BNSF to submit a break in access study to the Federal Highway Administration later this summer. The break in access study will determine if there is a need now or sometime in the near future for an additional interchange along I-35 to the south of Gardner's current boundaries. KDOT has listed this as a priority project in its Transportation Update newsletter from May 2007.

This project has required extensive work between City of Gardner, City of Edgerton and Johnson County as it requires data on the future population of the area, possible future roadways and information from planners on what types of developments they forecast for this region, from shopping centers to single family homes, to churches and office developments. All of this must be considered in the break in access study.

The Mayor's Message



Dear Residents,

Welcome to summer! The weather has been delightful, although a little warm – however, all the better to take advantage of Gardner's new Aquatic Center! It appears many of our residents are taking part in all the fun available there; the Lazy River, the slides, floatable walk, climbing net and tot pool, to name a few. What a great way to usher in Gardner's 150th summer!

Work is continuing on Celebration Park which will open this fall. Did you know this new park is named in honor of Gardner's 150th Birthday? It is located at the corner of Kill Creek Drive and 159th Street. This park will provide expanded baseball, softball and soccer facilities. It will also have walking paths, a lake and shelters. There will be a lot of room for friends and families to get together for fun another great addition to our family friendly City!

Don't forget the big 4th of July celebration! The VFW and the American Legion always put a wonderful fireworks display together. Everyone is invited to attend this magnificent show at the Gardner Edgerton High School, which begins at approximately 9:30 p.m. But come early, bring your lawn chair and listen to the Shawnee Community Band play your favorite patriotic music – under the direction of our very own Will Biggs, GEHS music teacher. Last year, the 150 Committee brought a Tailgate Party to the festivities. This year will be no different. The Tailgate will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the High School. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, soda and 150 memorabilia will be available for purchase. There is information on page 1 of this newsletter regarding rules about fireworks within the City Limits of Gardner.

I hope everyone has saved the date of our Festival on the Trails – September 14 and 15. This two day event will officially wrap up Gardner's 150th birthday celebration. There will be fun for all ages, including live jazz at lunch, an art fair, Chuckwagon Alley, a parade, children's activities and a street dance. There will be live Wild West shows, pony rides and main stage activities, with a live concert on Saturday night, sponsored by 106.5, The Wolf (WDAF) radio. We are very close to being able to announce the star performer – so watch for a big announcement in the Gardner News!

Gardner is proud to host The Great Santa Fe Horse Race on September 14 and 15, 2007. The endurance ride will begin in Santa Fe, New Mexico on September 3, 2007 and wrap up in Gardner on September 15, 2007. This first of its kind event has already received national recognition and we are excited to incorporate it into our special weekend events. Awards for the Great Santa Fe Horse Race will be presented on the Festival on the Trails Main Stage on Saturday, September 15th.

I hope all of you have a wonderful summer and I hope to see you at our 150 events!

Sincerely,

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Gardner Parks and Recreation

July-August 2007



Gardner Aquatic Center Grand Opening A Splashin' Good Time!

Saturday, May 26th the Gardner Aquatic Center opened. Over 500 visitors enjoyed music by Static 210, giveaways, prize drawings and refreshments! Since opening day, the Aquatic Center has experienced record-breaking attendance as visitors enjoy its many unique features.

New rules are in place for the Gardner Aquatic Center for your safety. For instance, children 9 and under must be accompanied by a person 16 years of age or older to enter the facility. No metal ornaments or grommets are allowed on the slides. You must be 48" tall to ride the slides. You must be 48" tall to ride the lazy river without an adult. Please visit the Aquatic Center page www.gardnerkansas.gov and click on the Gardner Aquatic Center quick link for a complete listing of all Rules and Regulations and Commonly Asked Questions about the new facility.

Pool memberships and punch cards are available for purchase at City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Memberships and punch cards are not available to purchase at the Aquatic Center. Visit www.gardnerkansas.gov and click on the Gardner Aquatic Center quick link for pricing information, restrictions and guidelines and a printable membership purchase form.

Special Events at the Pool

July 4th Celebration

Wednesday, July 4

1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Price of Admission

Hawaiian Luau

Friday, July 13

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Price of Admission

Dog Days

Monday, September 3

7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Free Admission with your dog

Season Pass Rates & Admission Prices

Resident Rates

Family Pass	\$135.00
(Maximum of 5, additional persons \$15.00 each)	
Individual Pass	\$75.00
(Ages 4-61)	

Must show Proof of Residency at time of purchase.

Non-Resident Rates

Family Pass	\$175.00
(Maximum of 5, additional persons \$15.00 each)	
Individual Pass	\$110.00
(Ages 4-61)	

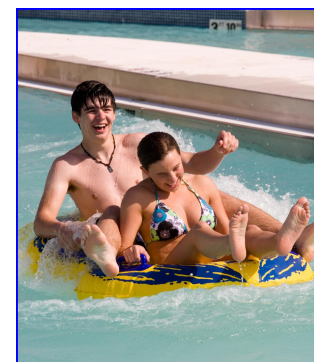
Daily Admission

Ages 4-61	\$5.00
Ages 3 & Under	FREE
Ages 62 & Over	FREE

Punch Cards

Punch Card Fees \$5.00 per day

Punch Cards are a great option for Daycare providers, parents or individuals who want to prepay for a specified number of days at the pool. Payment for punch cards can only be made at the Customer Service Center in City Hall. Punch cards can be purchased now and throughout the summer.



Pool Passes are only available for purchase at the Parks and Recreation Customer Service Center in the front lobby of City Hall, located at 120 E. Main. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Athletics



6th Annual Prairie Punisher Duathlon

The Prairie Punisher Duathlon consists of a 5K run-27.5K bike ride-5K run Short Course Duathlon. In addition, the 2007 Long Course Duathlon World Championship Qualifier Race consists of a 15K run-61K bike ride-5K run. There will be a separate 15K run, a 5K run and 5K walk in addition to the Duathlon events.

Date: Saturday, July 28

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Location: Gardner-Edgerton High School
425 N. Waverly, Gardner, KS

Confirmation & Packet Pick-Up: Confirmation notice and additional information will be mailed on July 23rd to all entries received by that date. Packet pick-up and late registration will be at Gardner City Hall, 120 E. Main, Friday, July 27th 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Entry Fee

Postmarked	By 7/14	By 7/24	After 7/24
Short Course	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$60.00
Long Course	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$70.00
Duathlon Teams	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$70.00
15K Run	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$25.00
5K Run	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$20.00
5K Walk	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$20.00

Visit www.gardnerkansas.gov for a complete listing of rules and details.
Duathlon participant minimum age is 15 years.

Youth Cheerleading

Come cheer your Gardner Parks and Recreation's Flag Football team to victory!! Participants will attend training sessions to learn chants and cheers. Uniforms will be provided, and may be kept by participants at the end of the season. Games are played on Saturday mornings and possibly one night during the week. Participants will arrive 30 minutes prior to game time to meet for warm-up and preparation.

Registration Opens: August 1st

Registration Deadline: September 7th

Location: Westside Sports Complex

Grades: K thru 6th

Fee: \$50.00 (\$30.00 for returning cheerleaders who still have their uniform.)

Youth Flag Football

This is the Gardner Parks and Recreation non-contact flag football league. Sign up for Flag Football and you'll not only learn the game, you'll love it! Practices will begin in mid-September with games beginning in late October. Games are generally played on Saturday mornings and one night during the week.

Registration Opens: August 1st

Registration Deadline: September 7th

Location: Westside Sports Complex

Grades: 1st thru 8th

Fee: \$50.00

Youth Volleyball

The Gardner Parks and Recreation Youth Volleyball League is open to all kids grades 3rd through 6th. Learn the specifics of bumping, passing, setting, serving and learn how to play by the rules. Practices will begin in mid-September with games beginning in mid-October. Games will be played on Saturday mornings and one night a week, occasionally.

Registration Opens: August 1st

Registration Deadline: September 7th

Location: TBA

Grades: 3rd thru 6th

Fee: \$45.00

FOR YOUTH CHEERLEADING, FLAG FOOTBALL, AND VOLLEYBALL

Please contact Gardner Parks and Recreation for a registration form. One will also be sent home with your child from school.

Late registration will be accepted to fill up teams only, and will be charged a \$15.00 late fee.

New and returning coaches and squad leaders must submit a 2007 coaching application by August 31st.

Introduction to Tae Kwon Do

This 6-week class is a basic introduction to Tae Kwon Do, the Korean martial art that promotes discipline, focus, self-control and physical fitness. Students will be introduced to self-defense techniques as well as kicks and punches. They will also learn traditional forms and customs.

Day of Week: Wednesday

Sessions I-III: CLOSED

Session IV: August 15 to September 9

Session V: September 26 to October 31

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Age: 6 years or older

Location: Senior Citizens Building

Fee: \$50.00 per Session

Registration Deadline: The Friday before session starts.

Intermediate Tae Kwon Do

This 6-week class is designed for those who have already taken Introduction to Tae Kwon Do (regardless of when they took the class). It is also open to anyone who has prior experience in martial arts. Students in this class will have the opportunity to continue their study of martial arts and move up the ranks towards a Black Belt, which should be the ultimate goal for all students.

Day of Week: Wednesday

Sessions I-III: CLOSED

Session IV: August 15 to September 9

Session V: September 26 to October 31

Time: 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Age: 6 years or older

Location: Senior Citizens Building

Fee: \$55.00 per Session

Registration Deadline: The Friday before session starts.

Adult Softball Fall League

"USSSA" Rules will apply

Leagues consists of a minimum of 5 week, 10 game, double-headers. Player must be 18 years and older. All games will be played at Westside Sports Complex. Top 2 teams in each league will receive awards.

League Fee: \$350

Fees must be paid before deadline, only one check, money order, credit card or cash payment for entire amount will be accepted. Teams will be accepted on a first serve basis until leagues are full.

Program	Start	Day/Time
Co-ed Rec.	September 9	Sun/4:00-8:00 p.m.
Men's D	September 12	Wed/6:30-9:30 p.m.

Registration Deadline: August 24th



Recreational Activities

Playgroups in the Park

This is your chance to get out with your kids and get to know other moms and dads! All ages are welcome! Gardner Parks and Recreation will provide a new activity for the kids each Playgroup. Please RSVP one week prior by calling 856-0936 as it helps us know how much supplies we need to bring. See you there!

In case of inclement weather, Playgroup will be cancelled and not rescheduled. Please visit www.gardnerkansas.gov for more information.

Dinosaur Dig at Westside Park

Date: July 19

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Fee: Free

RSVP: July 6

Location: Westside Park, 321 Bedford

This activity is limited to 50 participants.



Decorating Birdhouses at Veterans Park

Date: July 26

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Fee: \$5.00 (pay that day)

RSVP: July 19

Location: Veterans Park, Center & Pawnee



Veterans Park Island Adventure

Come spend time with your family and friends at the Gardner Parks and Recreation's Veterans Park Island Adventure! This FREE event will be a great time for you to meet some of the Parks and Recreation staff and possibly some of your neighbors! Each individual will receive a free lei. Every child 12 and under will get the chance to make their very own, handmade tribal mask. The Gardner Parks and Recreation Department will provide hot dogs, drinks and plenty of chips and salsa, condiments, silverware and flatware. All you need to bring is a dish to share with others and flip flops!!!

To help us decide how much food and art supplies are needed, please RSVP by calling 856-0936.

Date: Friday, August 3

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Age: All

Fee: FREE

Location: Veterans Park

RSVP Deadline: Friday, July 27



Fiesta Fun at Stone Creek Park

Come spend time with your family and friends at the Gardner Parks and Recreation's Fiesta at Stone Creek Park! This FREE event will be a great time for you to meet some of the Parks and Recreation staff and possibly some of your neighbors! Each individual will receive a free lei. Every child 12 and under will get the chance to make their very own, handmade maraca. The Gardner Parks and Recreation Department will provide hot dogs, drinks and plenty of chips and salsa, condiments, silverware and flatware. All you need to bring is a dish to share with others and sombrero!!!

To help us decide how much food and art supplies are needed, please RSVP by calling 856-0936.

Date: Friday, August 17

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Age: All

Fee: FREE

Location: Stone Creek Park

RSVP Deadline: Friday, August 10



Hunter Safety

Hunter Education is a long-standing public education program of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. State law mandates that anyone born on or after July 1, 1957 must complete a hunter education course and possess a certificate of course completion before hunting in Kansas (excluding hunters hunting on their own land).

The course includes training in hunter responsibility, primitive hunting equipment, modern firearms, wildlife management principles, wildlife identification, first aid, survival and boating safety for hunters, in addition to firearms safety subjects. Instructors will demonstrate safe firearms handling. No ammunition allowed!

The minimum age for certification is 11 years (by the day of the written test). This is a new law effective this year. Younger students may attend, but will not be certified. The instructor(s) request that students under the age of 12 be accompanied by an adult for the entire class. The course will be taught by certified Hunter Education Instructors. Class size is limited to 30 students. Pre-registration is required.



Session I

Date: August 21, 23 and 25

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on August 21 and 23
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on August 25

Fee: \$10.00

Location: Senior Citizen's Building
128 E. Park, Gardner, KS

Registration Deadline: August 14

Session II

Date: September 4, 6 and 8

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on September 4 and 6
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on September 8

Fee: \$10.00

Location: Senior Citizen's Building
128 E. Park, Gardner, KS

Registration Deadline: August 28

Gardner Parks and Recreation Registration Form

Parent's Name: _____ Phone: _____ Work: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Credit Card Type:(circle one): Visa Mastercard Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Email: _____ ☐ Yes, please keep me informed via email regarding upcoming programs and special events.

For information regarding our privacy policy in terms of use visit www.gardnerkansas.gov.

Name of Participant/Team	Sex	Age	Birthdate	Grade*	Program Title	Day/Time	T-shirt Size*	Fee	Note: Please keep a record of the dates and times of the programs you have enrolled in; confirmations are not sent.

Return completed with check or money order, payable to: Gardner Parks and Recreation

LIABILITY RELEASE: I, as a participant or legal guardian representing a minor participant agree to release the City of Gardner, its officers, employees and volunteers, from an and all liability for accidents, injuries, loss of and/or damage to my/our person or property that may arise out of my/our participation in/and our presence at the above activity(s). I/we understand the risks and possible dangers of participating in these activity(s). Also, I/we authorize the Gardner Parks and Recreation Department to use at its discretion any photograph(s) (black/white or color) taken of the participant while participating in the program and waive any and all claims that the participant or the undersigned or their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may have or claim to have resulting from such photograph(s) or reproductions thereof. I have entered into this agreement of my own free will.



120 E. Main Street
Gardner, KS 66030
(913) 856-0936
www.gardnerkansas.gov

I have read and understand the liability release and refund policy;
Registration invalid without signature.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Public Works Gears Up for Summer Work



West Lincoln Lane Improvements

Construction for Lincoln Lane from Moonlight Rd. west to Cedar St on the north side of Price Chop-

per begins in July. Currently west Lincoln Lane is a county standard roadway and it will be improved to a asphalt street with curb and gutter, connecting through to Cedar. This project will improve stormwater and traffic circulation between the residential areas and the commercial areas off of Moonlight Road.

Grand Street Improvements

Grand Street will be extended from Moonlight Rd. to Cedar Street just north of Moonlight Elementary. Construction will include installation of an asphalt street with sidewalk and an asphalt walking trail on the north side. This project will provide a second connection into Moonlight Apartments and Willow Springs subdivision and will improve traffic and pedestrian circulation in the area of Moonlight Elementary.

City Develops Watershed Master Plan

The City is developing a Watershed Master Plan to document the function of existing stormwater infrastructure. The Watershed Master Plan will provide city staff the tools necessary to promote good stormwater practices and prevent future flooding and erosion problems.

The first phase of the plan has been complete, which includes watershed inventory and data collection, review of preliminary floodplain boundaries for subdivisions, planning and policy recommendations, and a scoping meeting and workshop for Phase II tasks. The watershed inventory and data collection includes topographic and planimetric data and aerial photographs from Johnson County AIMS, existing floodplain models from Johnson County, pending and approved development plans, and documentation of flooding concerns. This model will be used by city staff in the future to review data during plan review and will also be used to define priorities for the Phase II tasks.

Phase II tasks will include a field survey, modifying the Johnson County hydrologic models, identifying flooding concerns and stormwater structure deficiencies and preparing a capital improvement project list, stream inventory, evaluating existing planning and engineering policies and ordinances related to stormwater management and making recommendations as necessary, and soliciting public involvement. This plan will also provide design data to be used by the engineering staff when reviewing and approving development in undeveloped areas.

Asphalt/Concrete Projects

The 2007 Street Maintenance programs will begin in July. Should your street, sidewalks, curbs or gutters be in need of repair, the contractor will be posting notices on homes affected at least 48 hours prior to work on each street. Check to see if your area is part of the ongoing maintenance to extend the life of the City's streets at www.gardnerkansas.gov/go/public_works_current_projects.php

The City will be conducting both concrete repair and replacement, along with asphalt resurfacing in many areas. This will include replacing concrete curbs, gutters, and sidewalk ramps at various locations throughout the community.



Rebuild of Primary Western Power Circuit

Rebuilding of the circuit provides power to the Western section of Gardner, north of BNSF railroad tracks and along Waverly Road to 175th Street to the Airport be completed this year.

Electric Turbines will Receive Upgrade
Replacement of the starting motor and clutch assembly for one of the City's combustion turbine is scheduled for this fall. The new motor and clutch will improve the operation of the City's electric generation.

Community Calendar

Gardner Historical Museum

July, August, & September:

"Where The Trails Divide" Kansas and Local Gardner Trail History Exhibit



www.gardnerhistorymuseum.org

American Legion
Free Fireworks
Celebration on
July 4th



Gardner Edgerton
High School at approximately
9:30 pm



Mark your Calendar
to attend the
Gardner
Sesquicentennial
Committee's
**July 4th Tailgate
Party** from

6 - 8 pm at Gardner Edgerton High School. Hot dogs, burgers, chips & soft drinks, as well as logo memorabilia, will be sold.

**Help celebrate Gardner's
150th Birthday!**

City Offices Closed in honor of
July 4th Holiday on Wednesday,
July 4th



Prairie Punisher
Duathlon & 5K Run/
Walk on **July 28th**
Starts at 7:00 am at
Gardner Edgerton
High School

www.gardnerkansas.gov/parks/athletic-duathlon.php

Johnson County Fair
August 6th-11th
www.jocokansasfair.com

Lost a Pet?
Check our Lost
Animals Page at



www.gardnerkansas.gov/go/lost_animals.php

Join in the July 4th Celebration!

Make plans to join your friends and neighbors for an evening of fun!

Prior to the fantastic American Legion Free Fireworks Display on **July 4th** at the Gardner Edgerton High School, there will be second **4th of July Tailgate Party!**

The Sesquicentennial Committee is putting this event together. It promises to be even bigger and better than last years! All proceeds go toward Gardner's Birthday Celebration.



It will be held from **6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Parking Lot of the High School.** Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, soft drinks and 150 logo memorabilia will be sold.



Johnson County Local Link



Did you know there is a bus service called the L-Link that will take you from TradeNet to Downtown Kansas City, Missouri (with stops in between) on weekdays? You can find out more information at <http://www.thejo.com/main.aspx?page=sch20070416-l>

Schedule of Public Meetings (120 E. Main Street)

City Council Regular Meetings

1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

City Council Work Session

2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Regular Meetings

2nd Monday and 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Gardner Municipal Court

2nd Tuesday of the month, the Wednesday following the 2nd Tuesday and the 4th Wednesday of the month
(All court sessions begin at 6:00 p.m.)

Website Address

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